[English]

Production/Consumption of Petrol and Diesel

2020. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of petrol and diesel consumed in the country during 1990-91;

(b) the quantity of these items imported during the year and total foreign exchange spent thereon;

(c) whether there is any proposal pending before the Government for production of more petrol and diesel;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal pending before the Government for bringing about reduction in the use of petrol and diesel in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Approximately 3500 TMT of petrol and 21,000 TMT of diesel.

(b) 4629 TMT of HSD at about Rs. 2280 crores.

(c) and (d). Refining capacity is being increased through expansion of some existing refineries and setting up of new refineries.

(e) and (f). Various steps for conservation and demand management have been taken.

Pending Power Projects of Bihar

2821. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:
SHRI BHUVNESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:
SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:
SHRI LALIT ORAON:
SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Bihar power projects are pending for the Centre's Clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some cleared projects are not being executed due to financial and other constraints; and

(d) if so, the details of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The details are given below:-

Name of Project	Capacity (MW)	Present Status
1	2	3
1. Patratu Extension (T) (Stage V)	2x210=420	Fuel linkage, associated transmission system, clearance from environmental angle and Civil Aviation authorities and water availability are to be tied up by project authorities. Provisions of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, are also to be complied with.
2. Muzaffarpur (T) Extension (Stage-II)	2x210=420 2x250=500	Fuel linkage, associated transmission system, clearance from environmental angle and Civil Aviation authorities are to be tied up by project authorities. Provisions of Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, are also to be complied with.
3. Chandil (T) (M/s RPG Enterprises)	2x250=500	Fuel linkage, associated transmission system, clearance from environmental angle and Civil Aviation authorities and water availability are to be tied up by project authorities. Provisions of Section 29 and Section 44 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, are also to be complied with.

(c) and (d). Tenughat Thermal Power Project (Stage II) (3x210) MW was sanctioned in February, 1989, at an estimated cost of Rs. 669.10 crores with original commissioning schedule of 9/94, 3/95 and 12/95 for Units 3, 4 & 5 respectively. Work on this project has not started due to financial constraints.

[*Translation*]

Rail Link from Mandar Hill to Dumka

2822. SHRI SURAJ MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been received to extend Bhagalpur-Mandar Hill railway line upto Dumka via Godda; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to extend this line upto Dumka via Godda and by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Conversion of Ahmedabad-Veraval Line

2823. SHRIMATI BHAVANA CHIKHALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested to convert the Ahmedabad-Veraval metre gauge line into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The line from Ahmedabad to Rajkot is already BG. The Government of Gujarat has recommended conversion of Rajkot-Veraval MG line into B.G.

(b) The proposal including various alternatives is under Survey. Further action would depend on results of Survey and availability of resources in coming years.

[*English*]

Conversion of Solapur to Wadi Line

2824. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for conversion of the railway track between Solapur and Wadi in Maharashtra is pending with the Government for years;

(b) if so, whether, there is any proposal to undertake the survey for conversion of the track in view of heavy traffic on the section.

(c) if so, when the survey is likely to be undertaken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). Solapur-Wadi is already a Broad Gauge line.

[*Translation*]

Railway Bridges in Bihar

2825. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: